28 *tb September* PLAYS OF THE WEEK

The plays this week at the Rose Theatre were *Mohamet, The Venetian Comely* (twice), *Bellendon, The Love of an English Lady, The Massacre at Pans, Cutlack*

September THE ALCHEMIST'S BEQUEST

Some months since one Clement Ouldfield made a bequest containing certain secrets of alchemy to Roloff Peterson of Lubec on condition of their being first offered on composition to her Majesty The Queen now ordereth that the bequest shall be delivered unopened to the deputy of the Merchant Adventurers at Stade for Peterson , or if she is pleased to keep it, he shall receive £500 for it within six months

THE BAD WEATHER AND THE PRICE OF GRAIN

This summer, in May, there fell many great showers of rain, but much more in June and July , for it has commonly rained every day or night till St James' Day Notwithstanding there followed in August a fair harvest, but in September fell great rams, which raised high waters and bare down bridges at Cambridge, Ware, and other places The price of grain grows to be such that a bushel of rye is sold for 55 , a bushel of wheat for six, seven and even eight shillings , this dearth according to common opinion, is caused more by means of overmuch trans-porting by the merchants for their private gam than through the unseasonableness of the weather.

yd October INMATES TO BE REMOVED

Great inconveniences grow daily more and more by the number of inmates, and by the erecting of new tenements within the City of London, Westminster and the suburbs, which are a great cause of infection by reason of the multitude of poor people that inhabit them, many dwelling together in one small house There was a statute made in the last

Parliament for the reformation of these inconveniences and especially for the avoiding of inmates Now, seeing that the greatest number of those dead of the late infection are out of those houses that were pestered with inmates, the Lord Mayor and the Aldermen are bidden to give order that no new persons shall be admitted to these tenements in the room of those that are deceased.